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A Guide to Recreation for Hamilton County

March – August 2003



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*Enriching lives
with recreation
opportunities for all.*



Parks & Recreation



Dear Parent,

Study after study points to the significance of wholesome recreation and parental participation in the development of healthy children. Though activity choices are wide and interests are diversified, everyone needs exercise and daily downtime. I invite you to take a look at what Hamilton County has to offer in the way of things to do and places to visit.

We are blessed with beautiful surroundings in Hamilton County. I encourage you to spend time with your family each and every day enjoying them.

Sincerely,

Claude Ramsey
County Executive

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Joint-Use Facilities Listing

These Hamilton County facilities are maintained by the Parks & Recreation Department and are available for public use.

The athletic leagues and programs offered at some of these sites are coordinated by various youth associations.

See page 11 for listing of all Hamilton County youth associations and a contact person for each.

Site Location	Ballfields	Basketball	Concessions	Restrooms	Shower	Football	Soccer	Tennis	Walking Track	Playground	Acreage
Apple Elementary School	1		1	1				2	1		14
Bowdell Park	1		1	1					1		5
Burnside Elementary School											2
Burnside Elementary	2							2	1		13
Central High School								2	1		59
John Allen Elementary									1		13
East Ridge High School	2		1	1				4	1		33
Harrison Recreation Assoc.	5		2	2							13
McGinnis Elementary									1		50
McGinnis Park	2	1	1	1					1	1	13
* Middle Valley Recreation Assoc.	10	1	0	3	1	1	3	8		1	58
Mountain Recreation Assoc.	1			1	1			2	1	1	10
Oxley Elementary School	2		1	1							2
Oxley Middle School	1		1	1				2			15
Oxley High School	1							6	1		53
Red Bank High School	1		1	1					1		12
Redbank Soccer Complex			2	2			3		1		50
Safe Creek High School	2		1	1							11
Thrasher Elementary School	1		1	2			1				17
Shugartown Hedge Road Park	1						3				295
Summit Recreation Assoc.	4		2	2				2	1		51
Summit High School	1								1		53
Summit High School	3	2	1	1			1	13	1	1	15
Summit High School	1		1	1							8
Vanderbilt Park				1	1				1	1	5
Westgate Elementary								2			10
West Street Park	1						1		1	1	5

*Now offering Lacrosse!

Parks, Playgrounds, Tennis Courts . . .



The parks listed below feature amenities that can be enjoyed by families or groups daily usually without fees or reservations. Chester Frost Park and the Tennessee Riverpark also have facilities that are available for special events. For reservations, call 842-0177 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The department maintains dozens of other public properties in cooperation with the Department of Education. The athletics programs at these facilities are operated by various community youth associations. Please see our listing on page 11.

Apison Park

11206 Old East Brainerd Rd., Apison

Situated at the old elementary school, this 14-acre park has 2 tennis courts, a ball field, a picnic shelter, a walking track, a concession stand, and a restroom.

Bakewell Park

**109 McCallie Ferry Rd.,
Bakewell**

This 5-acre park is located 3 miles off Hwy 27 N. It has a ball field and restrooms and is surrounded by a paved walking track.



Chester Frost Park

**2318 N. Gold Point Circle,
Hixson**

The anchor facility for the county parks and recreation department, this 455-acre park includes a 224-site camping facility, a roped swimming area, several large boat launch areas, and day-use picnic facilities. Four shelters and an indoor pavilion with kitchen are available for rental. The four-acre white sand beach is open daily with lifeguards on duty from Memorial Day till Labor Day. Admission is free. A dressing area, showers, vending machines, and a playground are located at the beach. Many programs and special events are held at this park throughout the year, including the annual County Fair each fall.

Meadowview Park

**Meadowview Rd.,
N. Hwy 58**

“Wide-open spaces” best describes this 13-acre northeast Hamilton County Park. Located about a mile off Hwy 58 in the shadow of White Oak Mountain, this park has 2 ball fields, a basketball court, restroom facilities, a playground, and a lighted walking trail.



Middle Valley Recreation Park

**1900 Crabtree Rd.,
Middle Valley/Dallas Bay**

With 56-acres including 10 ball fields, 5 soccer fields, 8 tennis courts, a basketball court, 3 concession areas, restrooms, a picnic shelter, playground, and football field, this facility is home for several youth league sports including baseball, softball, soccer, and football.

Mowbray Mountain Recreation Park

**1709 Mowbray Rd.,
North Hamilton County**

This 10-acre mountain-top park features a new playground, a picnic shelter, a ball field, 2 tennis courts, and a paved walking track.

Tree of Life Park

Bonny Oaks at Preservation Drive

This linear park is just off Preservation Drive inside Bonny Oaks Industrial Center. It has a paved walking trail, with benches and picnic tables along the way. The park was dedicated in 1993 in memory of local organ donors. It is the site of the county’s annual Arbor Day Celebration at which members of our community come together to plant ceremonial trees in honor of their loved ones who were organ donors.



**Follow the feet
to Hamilton County
facilities that are
ideal for walking!**

Tracks, Ball Fields, & More!

Redoubt Soccer Complex

**6900 Bonny Oaks Dr.,
Bonny Oaks/East Brainerd**



Known as Chattanooga's official home for soccer, this 70-acre complex contains 8 fields, 2 restroom facilities, 2 concession stands, and a one-mile walking path. With both recreation and select leagues, more than 2,000 youth and adults play at Redoubt year round.



Standifer Gap Park

**8327 Standifer Gap Rd.,
East Brainerd/Ooltewah**



This 15-acre park situated off Ooltewah-Ringgold Rd. features 13 tennis courts, 3 ball fields, 2 basketball courts, a concession stand, restrooms, a paved walking track, a sand volleyball court, and a playground.



Shackleford Ridge Park

**4435 Shackleford Ridge Rd.,
Signal Mtn.**



This brand-new 295-acre park situated high atop Signal Mountain is currently under construction. To date, it has one baseball field and 3 soccer fields. Two additional baseball fields and a walking trail will be added soon.

Snow Hill Recreation Park

**9042 Career Lane,
N. Hwy 58**

This 61-acre complex has 4 ball fields, 2 tennis courts, a concession stand, a restroom, and a lighted, paved walking track.

Tennessee Riverpark

**4301 Amnicola Hwy.,
Central Hamilton County**



The Riverpark features a lighted, wide, concrete path along the river. There are many attractions along the way including a rowing center, picnic tables, an amphitheater, the arts district, and the Walnut Street Bridge. Several restrooms are also situated along the way at the many entry points to the trail. The main entrance to the park is located off Amnicola Hwy near Chattanooga State. It has a giant playground, an indoor pavilion, two picnic shelters available for special events, dozens of picnic tables, restrooms, and acres of open space. Pets are not allowed at the Riverpark.

Vandergriff Park

**312 Gadd Rd.,
Hixson**

This 5-acre park located across the street from the Hixson Athletic Complex, has a picnic shelter, paved, and lighted walking track, restrooms, and two giant playgrounds. The newer playground unit is specially designed for physically-challenged children.

40th Street Park

**40th Street,
St. Elmo/Alton Park**

This beautiful 5-acre park features ancient oak trees with picnic tables, a sand volleyball court, two tennis courts, a playground, a ball field, a soccer field, and a meeting facility.

Read more about the progress of the Millennium Riverpark Project on page 15!

Events

Little Miss Manners

Tennessee Riverpark - Hubert Fry Center

Saturday, March 15 • 2:00 pm

\$10 per couple • Ages 3-8

Table etiquette has never been more fun! Little ladies and their moms will enjoy a formal afternoon tea party and a fun-filled lesson on table manners taught by Ambiance Modeling. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is March 7.



Mini Masters Golf Challenge

Scenic Cities Mini Golf and Raceway

Saturday, April 12 • 10:00 am

\$10 per child • Ages 3-5/6-8

Mom and Dad will assist little guys and girls with their first ever nine-holes of golf in this introductory program. Each child who participates will receive a certificate of participation and a shirt. Registration deadline is April 4.

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Tennessee Riverpark • Friday, April 18

7:00 pm • FREE

Experience egg hunting in the dark! Families are invited to bring their flashlights and baskets and join hundreds of others in scouring the 10-acre egg field at the Tennessee Riverpark. All eggs are filled with candy and prizes, and 10 grand prize eggs contain gift certificates to Toys R Us! This event is free. Families are encouraged to attend together.



Events



Arbor Day Celebration

Tree of Life Park • Friday, April 25

2:00 pm • FREE

Join us as we celebrate National Arbor Day in a memorial ceremony for our local organ donors. Families who have either given or received life through the organ donor program will participate in ceremonial tree plantings to honor their loved ones. This program is co-sponsored by Tennessee Donor Services who provides memorial park benches to the facility.

PowerWheels Derby

Tennessee Riverpark • Saturday, May 10

10:00 am • \$10 per child • Ages 3-7

Give your little one a chance to show off at this second annual car show for kids. There will be classes for all battery-powered ride toys including SUV's, ATV's, cars, motorcycles, and others. Ribbons will be awarded to first and second place winners. All participants will receive a ribbon and certificate. Those who pre-register will be guaranteed a t-shirt. Limited registration will be held on site. The event will be rescheduled in the event of rain. Registration deadline is May 2.



Seniors Independence Day Social

Northgate Mall • Friday, June 27

7:00 - 9:00 pm • FREE

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation will host the 3rd Annual Seniors Independence Day Social at Northgate Mall on Saturday, June 28th, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Live music will be provided by the Chattanooga Jazz Quartet, featuring Jay Craven. The event is free and refreshments will be served. Call 843-9015 for more information.

REGISTER AT THE OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Shelter #4

Don't Wait! Space is Limited!



CANADIAN

DAY CAMP AT CHESTER FROST PARK

June 2 – August 8 • Monday through Friday

Ages 6 – 12 • \$70 per week

It's a heaven-sent solution to the summer blues for your young child. Register for the summer day camp at Chester Frost Park. Our camp features outdoor activities, canoe trips and creative educational components taught by experienced staff.

Registration is limited – so be sure to register early!



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ESTER FROST PARK

ay – Friday, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

0 per child, per week

Young ones! Send them to swim, hike, and have fun at the
es all the fun stuff that other camps offer PLUS weekly field
our award-winning homeschool program instructors.

sure to attend the Open House!

G-Force Racing • Real Racing • Real Speed • Real Prizes • REAL FUN!

G-Force Racing is a form of drag racing in which the cars are powered only by the force of gravity. The racetrack, located at the Redoubt Soccer Field complex on Bonny Oaks Dr., is 1200 feet long and sloped to attain speeds around 35 mph. The cars are designed to be very stable, easy to drive and capable of protecting the driver in the unlikely event of an accident. There are nine races each summer on Saturday mornings with registration beginning at 8 am, racing starting at 10 am and finishing around noon. (Moms and Dads, you'll still have most of the weekend left to work in the yard or go fishing. A true case of "have your cake and eat it too.") The cars are available as a complete Ready to Race model or Framed Car model which is ready to paint, decal and do final assembly. (Illustrated instructions included) The Framed Car includes everything except the wheels for \$299 and is recommended for most racers. Ready to Race models vary in price according to the paint and decals. Don't forget sponsorship to help with the cost. G-Force Race cars make great billboards!! See the cars on the website.

The secret of G-Force Racing is family participation. Everyone is a part of the race team. Mom, Dad and the rest of the family are as much a part of the team's success as the boys and girls who actually drive the race cars. Staging the car on the starting line, maintaining the racing wheels, aligning



the chassis and coaching the driver are the responsibilities of the entire race team. *Watching from the sidelines is optional!*



A Season Championship [according to cumulative points from all races during the season] is awarded in each class at the Championship Banquet hosted by Elks Lodge 91. Many other awards are available including a Career Award (ring) for those who race for four years or more. Trophies are awarded to 1st through 3rd place finishers at each race. There are prizes and games galore for everyone throughout the race day at every race. Check out the website to see some of the champions and their awards.

Get started soon. You'll need to qualify for your racing license as soon as possible (intensive drivers testing and safety lessons) as well as get your car ready to race. You may wish to attend a private Speed Clinic to help get you into the winners circle. (Speed Clinic is designed to teach the Crew Chief and Driver the basics of car "set up" while developing a baseline for car balance and alignment. \$25 fee.)



G-Force Racing is hosted by the **Harrison Ruritan Coaster Car Racing Club**. They provide more than twenty five volunteers to maintain the race track, serve concessions and assist the G-Force Racing Officials. **Hamilton County** has provided an outstanding facility that rivals any downhill raceway in the southeastern United States. This is an excellent and unique opportunity to participate in a wholesome family activity that will teach your kids sportsmanship, camaraderie and responsibility in a safe and fun environment.

The kids and families who have participated in G-Force Racing through the years have established wonderful lifelong memories. Don't miss out on your chance to instill pride, success and a sense of accomplishment with your boys and girls and at the same time enjoy one of the most fun activities you can do together. *See you at the track!*

Ages 7-15 (6 with a waiver)
(Max 135 lbs – call for more info)

Call Us: 344-RACE

E-mail: GForceRace@aol.com

or Visit our Website:

www.hometown.aol.com/gforcerrace



Places to Explore with your Pooch

Need a vacation? Do you need to get a fresh frame of mind and explore new horizons? Well, your dog feels the same way! He's tired of the same old "business" every day. Take him out for a weekend adventure or an evening stroll at one of your beautiful county parks!

Shackleford Ridge Park on Signal Mountain is one of the county's newest and largest parks. It sprawls over 295 acres and features marked hiking trails and gravel roads with lots of open areas as well. The park has a youth soccer complex and a baseball stadium, but is otherwise pretty quiet. Volunteers have blazed a trail through the area that will eventually be a part of a giant Cumberland Plateau trail system. The entrance to the park is located behind Nolan Elementary School off Shackleford Ridge Road.

Are you looking for a place to enjoy for just an hour or so? Then we suggest you check out Chester Frost Park in Hixson, Standifer Gap Park in East Brainerd, Redoubt Park in the Bonny Oaks area, or the 40th Street Park at the foot of Lookout Mountain. All of these parks have walking paths or trails that are perfect for some quality time and exercise for both of you.



As a general rule, all public parks operated by Hamilton County or the City of Chattanooga welcome pets as long as they are leashed and the owner picks up after them. The exception to this rule is the Tennessee Riverpark. Due to the volume of pedestrian and bicycle traffic at this facility, pets are not allowed under any circumstances. Coolidge Park does allow leashed pets in the grassy areas but not on the plaza.

Check out the parks listed pages 4 and 5 of this brochure for more great places to enjoy with your pet!



"Take me to the park!"

Youth Associations & Recreation League Contacts



Sign up with your local youth association each Saturday during the month of February.

Bakewell:

Jim Swafford209-8952
Beeper.....846-4299

East Brainerd: Baseball, Softball

Mike Doyle855-2675

Harrison Booster Club: Baseball, Softball, and Football

Bobby Dunn.....344-6210
Troy Martin.....510-8164
cell635-9570
Concessions.....344-3314

Meadowview

John LaTour961-2989

Middle Valley: Baseball, Softball, Soccer, and Football

Tony Clark842-4488
work.....332-5524

Mowbray:

Doug Carter.....332-7053
Scrap Ledford332-9524
Barbara Lafew.....209-7372

Ooltewah Youth Association: Baseball, Softball

John McCully.....238-4838
cell488-5273

Redoubt: Soccer

David Keller.....855-1550

Signal Mountain: Soccer

John Clark886-4940

Signal Mountain: Baseball

Terry McElveen (work)265-0042
cell364-3162

Snow Hill: Baseball, Softball

Jeff Howell.....344-5143
Concession344-6625

Standifer Gap: Soccer

Hiko Walden899-4853
work.....238-7111, ext. 4187

Summit

Bobby & Flo Adamson510-8615

Park Rules & Fees

CHESTER FROST PARK

CAMPING RATES

Campground opens April 1

Tent sites without electric hook-up.....	\$13.00 per night
Weekly Rate (7 days)	\$80.50
Senior Citizen*	\$8.00 per night / \$45.50 weekly
Tent sites with electric hook-up.....	\$14.00 per night
Weekly Rate (7 days)	\$87.50
Senior Citizen*	\$9.00 per night / \$52.50 weekly
Camp sites with electric & water.....	\$15.00 per night
Weekly Rate (7 days)	\$94.50
Senior Citizen*	\$9.00 per night / \$52.50 weekly



**Senior Citizen must be at least 65 years of age, a resident of Hamilton County, and be one of the site occupants each night in order for rates to apply.*

SHELTERS

Shelter #1, #2, #3.....	\$20.00 / 4 hours, \$35.00 / day
Shelter #4	\$100.00 / 4 hours, \$150.00 / day
Pavilion	\$160.00 / 4 hours, \$300.00 / day

Pavilion requires a \$50 deposit which will be refunded if no excess damage occurs to building or floors.

PARK RULES

- Pets must be leashed at all times
- Swimming without a lifeguard is dangerous and discouraged
- Park closes at 10:00 p.m.
- Alcoholic beverages and firearms are prohibited
- Motorized vehicle traffic is not permitted off of designated roads, driveways, or on jogging paths
- Removal or destruction of vegetation is prohibited
- Vending or solicitation without written permission is prohibited
- Entrance to areas posted as closed is prohibited
- Speed limit will be posted
- All motorized vehicles and operators must be licensed for unconditional operation on roads and highways
- Checkout time is 2:00 p.m. A \$5.00 late charge will be assessed for each day that the camping bill has not been paid by 2:00 p.m.
- Volleyballs and nets are available at the ranger station.



TENNESSEE RIVERPARK

PAVILION RATES

East Pavilion – 2 tables & 1 grill, serves 12

West Pavilion – 8 tables & 2 grills – serves 48

costs for either Pavilion\$30 / 4 hours, \$60 / day

Fry Center.....serves 48 • Open Daily 8-8 • Public Use

PARK RULES

- No pets are allowed in the park
- No swimming
- No camping
- No open fires
- No skateboards
- Roller blades and bicycles will use extreme caution and will operate at reduced speeds on trails
- No loitering around parked vehicles or in parking lots
- Park closes at sunset in designated areas
- Alcoholic beverages and firearms are prohibited



Registration Form - Camp Dallas Day Camp

CAMP DALLAS DAY CAMP

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Please use one form for each person.

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 26TH AT OPEN HOUSE
DO NOT MAIL - MUST REGISTER IN PERSON

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Age: _____ Sex: M _____ F _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Father's Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Family Doctor: _____

Phone: _____

Please list any conditions/restrictions or behaviors we should be aware of:



Registration Form - Camp Dallas Day Camp

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

City: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Please describe any accommodations required for successful inclusion:

WAIVER AND RELEASE

Please read this form carefully. In signing up and participating in HCPR programs, you are expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities, including transportation services, where provided. I acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in these programs, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have as a result of participating in these programs against the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation, its officials, agents, volunteers, sponsors, and employees. If my child is injured, becomes ill, or needs medical attention for any reason, and I cannot be contacted, this authorizes program staff to assist my child and/or call for medical assistance. I wish to have my child transported to _____ (name of facility), when possible. I understand I am responsible for all costs incurred in any such medical emergency. I understand that photos and video of my/my child's participation may be used for publicity or reporting purposes. I have read and fully understand this waiver and release.

Parent or guardian signature required if under 18 _____

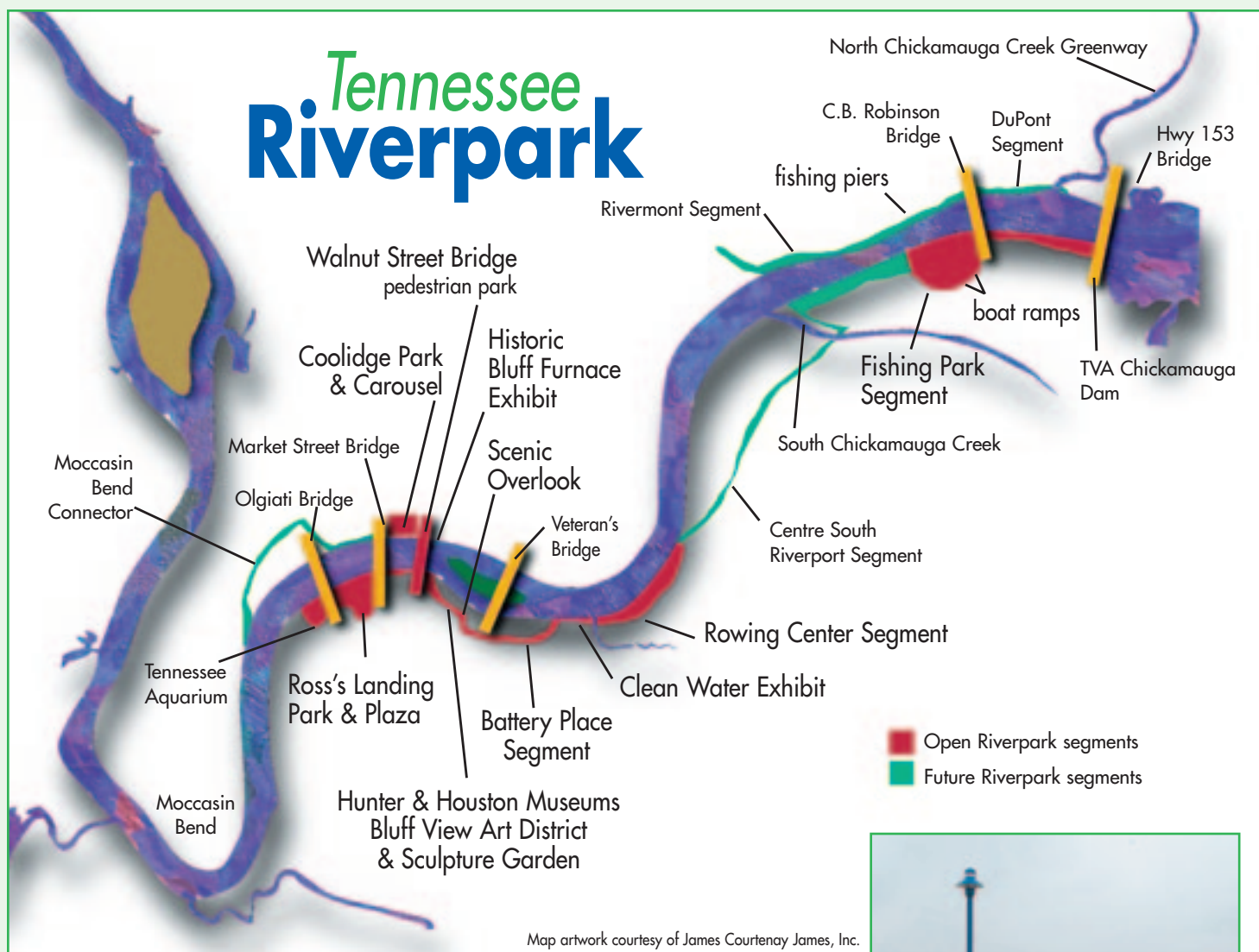
PRINT PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Millennium Riverpark Project Update



New sections of elevated walkways, bridges, and lights are beginning to pop up along Amnicola Highway as the newest and final phase of the Tennessee Riverpark begins to take shape. This 5.5 mile stretch will provide a corridor of trail from the Chickamauga Dam to Ross's Landing allowing a person to ride a bike, walk or jog some 13 miles along the southern shore of the Tennessee River.

Since construction began in 1988, public and private resources have been expended or committed to design and build the Riverwalk and its numerous river-side parks and exhibits.

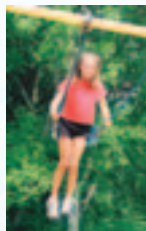
Some of the more interesting features that will be introduced to the public with this new section of trail include a marsh area, a 325-foot pedestrian bridge, and several large grassy nature areas.



Additional parking and restroom facilities are also being added along the trail. Completion of the project is set for late 2003.

*Don't Miss
Little Miss Manners
Tea Party!*

**Saturday
March 15
2:00 pm
Tennessee
Riverpark**



**Register at
the Open House
Saturday, April 26
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

CAMP DALLAS

DAY CAMP AT CHESTER FROST PARK

SPACE IS LIMITED! BE SURE TO REGISTER AT THE OPEN HOUSE!

FLASHLIGHT Egg Hunt



**Friday, April 18th
7:00 pm
Tennessee Riverpark**

**A New Spin on an
Old Tradition!**



NUMBERS YOU NEED

HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Administrative Office –
Chester Frost Park
842-0177

Camping - Chester Frost Park
842-3306

Park Reservations – Chester Frost
and Tennessee Riverpark
842-0177

Recreation Programming Office
842-6748

Tennessee Riverpark Supt.
493-9239

OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES

City of Chattanooga Parks
and Recreation
757-5167
757-7252

Coolidge Park
757-2143

Frost Stadium
624-6814

Greenway Farm
757-2143

State Parks Information
800-421-6683



PowerWheels DERBY!

**Saturday
May 10th
10:00 am
Tennessee
Riverpark**

